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Letter dated 29 March 2011 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1973 (2011), adopted on 17 March 2011, as well as my letters of 18 March, 19 March and 22 March 2011, concerning the measures authorized by paragraphs 4 and 8 of resolution 1973 (2011) in order to "protect civilians and civilian populated areas under threat of attack" and to "enforce compliance with the ban on flights imposed by paragraph 6" (of the resolution).

I would like to inform you that France has carried out the following operations since 22 March:

- Reinforcement of the French naval presence with the arrival in the area of the aircraft carrier Charles de Gaulle.
- Deployment of air defence frigates and their surveillance radar in order to enforce the no-fly zone.
- Missions to monitor maritime airspace.
- Further reconnaissance and support missions by fighter planes in the context of enforcement of the no-fly zone in the areas of Misrata, Sirte, Zintan and Ajdabiya.
- Strikes against a fighter plane that was operating in violation of the no-fly zone around Misrata.
- Strikes carried out against armoured vehicles to protect civilians and the civilian populated area around Ajdabiya, Misrata and Zintan.

These operations were conducted in cooperation with other countries.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

I hereby inform you of the measures taken by France under the authorization of resolution 1973 (2011).

(*Signed*) Gérard **Araud**

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